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Mr. Andrew Reeves,  
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Commission  
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Dear Mr. Reeves,

We are in receipt of the investigation of Metro Pricing Policies  
Dratt Report for which we thank you.

Our Association wishes to refer to your paragraph 4.2. with  
reference to "Exclusion of Charter Costs"

We feel the full gambit of purchase price of a bus depreciation  
etc... is a must to be in the bus price of any charter quote that  
Metro offer in that market place.

The tasmanian taxpayer should not be subsidizing the local  
charter bus users as this shows a deliberate reflection that the  
private bus industry is not competitive.

**Metro Operations - Chapter 1 -**

This table indicates an annual bus kms of 10.4M kms.

In the context of the 3rd paragraph of 2.1.1. "aggregate" implying  
the total scheduled route services is taken to mean "services  
including scheduled services and passenger route services, there  
is \$18.3M government payment and \$7.72M fare box, reaching a  
total income for the \$26.02M.

Therefore, based on the aggregate 10.4 bus km, a derived figure  
is \$2.40 per km, which is, in comparison, well above government  
contribution/fare box of private enterprise return on investment.

Consequently Metro's full recovery costs, including repairs,  
maintenance and fuel has been paid by the fare box income and the  
taxpayer, thus the only cost charged to the charter client is  
driver's wages.

This is a gross impost on the taxpayer and as Commissioner you

are duty bound to fully investigate the real cost of

- \* C.S.O.
- \* Contract services
- \* School contracts

On completion of the above study, our Association looks forward to input the real taxpayers cost for the above services.

Thank you for the opportunity to have input, and we look forward to a new Metro at SM's savings to the taxpayer.

Sincerely Yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "M. Barnes", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

M. Barnes  
Executive Officer.  
Bus and Coach Association (Tas) Inc.